

Year 4 Autumn Term 1 Curriculum Newsletter

We're excited to welcome the children back for the new school year and can't wait to get cracking with our learning. Miss Curtis, Mrs Leech and Mr Tighe have been preparing lots of exciting activities for our topic this term: **I am Warrior**. We will investigate the lives of the Romans and how the Empire impacted on life in Britain. We kick off the topic with Gladiator School before developing our knowledge of what life was like during the Roman times, leading up to the invasion of Britain.



I am Warrior!

I am brave, strong and powerful. Meet me in battle. Draw your sword, wield your axe and challenge me if you dare. Invade and attack. Roman versus Celts: the fight is on! As Historians, we will learn about life in Ancient Rome and the discover the events that led up to the invasion of Britain.



MATHS

We will be maintaining our fluency skills and quick recall of key maths facts by practising our simple addition facts to 10, our 2,3,5, and 10 times tables. We will be building our confidence in all of the rolling numbers so we are fluent with all of the times tables facts up to 12 x 12 – preparing the children for their Y4 Times tables check in the summer term.

The topics we will cover this term are:

- Counting in hundreds and twenty-fives
- Understanding place value of numbers to 10,000
- Rounding to the nearest multiples of 10, 100 and 1000
- Formal written methods for addition and subtraction within 10,000



READING

We will continue to build on reading skills with a focus on consolidating our decoding and retrieval skills before developing our inference and deduction as we enjoy a range of texts linked to the Romans as well as our class readers. In our reading skills lesson, we will also explore a range of non-fiction texts and poetry to develop our performance skills.

WRITING

As Writers we will be learning how to write effective character descriptions to explore the impact of using specific language to paint a picture in the reader's mind. We will then move on to instructional writing to develop our knowledge of sentence structures and having a greater awareness of particular audiences.

Grammar – We will maintain and build on our existing knowledge of clauses and conjunctions then developing our accuracy with speech punctuation.

Spelling/phonics – We will revisit our knowledge of phonics and explore more of the common exception words so we can use them confidently in our writing across the curriculum.



PE

Our topics for Autumn Term will be Health & Fitness which includes our Cross Country running, Gymnastics and Badminton. We will learn a variety of different skills within these topics and also develop the skills required for working individually and as a team. We will also be virtually entering lots of Milton Keynes Sports Festivals and all children will participate and represent the school in these events. Our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday. Remember to come to school in your active uniform on these days!

ART & DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

As Artists, we will begin with a collaborative mark-making project to bring the whole year group together in creating a large wall mural. Next, we will move onto creating artwork inspired by intricate Roman mosaics before using joining and cutting techniques to create, 3D helmets based on the protective headwear worn by Roman centurions.

COMPUTING

As Computer Technicians we will learning about abstraction and logical reasoning as well as developing our knowledge of how to stay safe online. We will use a range of technology to collect information.

Aspire, Believe, Achieve... Together

HOME LEARNING

Reading – we expect children to read at least 3 times a week for 15 minutes or more. This should be recorded in the Reading Record and will be checked every Monday.

Spellings – We will be using Spelling Shed which will provide personalised spellings to practise. Additional key spellings may also be sent home.

Maths – TT Rockstars should be completed throughout the week (15 minutes three times a week or little and often would be perfect). Log in details are stuck inside the Reading Record. Additional fluency activities linked to our Maths passport may also be sent home.

SCIENCE

As Scientists we will be learning about and investigating states of matter as we discover the properties of everyday solids, liquids and gases. This such an exciting topic and jam-packed full of hands-on experiments in the classroom. Which solids have the lowest melting points? We will find out!

RE & PSHE

As Citizens of the Future we will learn about how to achieve and maintain growth mindset. Then we will discuss families in the wider world and deepen our knowledge of what makes a healthy friendship. We will also discover how Christian families and communities practise their faith as well as how religions respond to global issues.